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1. SUMMARY - THIS MESSAGE OUTLINES THE STATUS OF THE WAIVER REQUESTS FOR TEXMACH 75. A SECOND MESSAGE WILL DESCRIBE THE STATUS OF THE PRINT-PACK WAIVERS AND A THIRD LESSONS LEARNED FOR FUTURE FAIRS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT A REVIEW, BOTH IN TERMS OF POLICY AND PROCEDURE, IS CLEARLY INDICATED BY THE EXPERIENCE WITH THE WAIVER REQUESTS FOR TEXMACH AND PRINT-PACK.

2. EMBASSY SUBMITTED DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO FONOFF ON JANUARY 20 REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT OF MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION TAXES PAID BY TEXMACH 75 EXHIBITORS. PORT IMPROVEMENT TAX WAIVER IS ENCOUNTERING RESISTANCE AND DELAYS BY THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF PORTS AND NAVIGABLE WAYS (DNPVN) BUT EMBASSY IS WORKING TO OBTAIN REIMBURSEMENT MERCHANT MARINE RENEWAL TAX SEPARATELY FROM NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE SUPERINTENDENCY (SUNAMAN). END SUMMARY.

3. ON JANUARY 20, EMBASSY SUBMITTED DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO FONOFF, REQUESTING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF MERCHANT MARINE RENEWAL TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF CR\$ 21,062.49 AND PORT IMPROVEMENT TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF CR\$ 27,891.53 PAID BY
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THE TEXMACH EXHIBITORS. WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DETERMINE

THAT THE FONOFF FORWARDED THE REQUEST TO THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION, WHICH FORWARDED IT TO DNPVN IN RIO DE JANEIRO, ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR REQUEST FOR AN OPINION ON THE WAIVER OF THE PORT IMPROVEMENT TAX. THROUGH SUBSEQUENT CONTACT WITH DNPVN RIO, WE DETERMINED THAT THE REQUEST WAS FURTHER FORWARDED TO DNPVN SAO PAULO AND SANTOS FOR THEIR OPINIONS.

4. WHEN THESE OPINIONS ARE RETURNED TO THE DNPVN MAIN OFFICE IN RIO, WE UNDERSTAND THE DNPVN'S LEGAL ADVISOR WILL APPEND HIS OPINION, AND, FINALLY THE DIRECTOR OF THAT DEPARTMENT WILL GIVE HIS OPINION. THIS LAST WILL THEN BE SETN TO THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION FOR HIS FINAL DECISION. DNPVN CONTACT ADMITTED CONFIDENTIALLY THAT DNPVN HAS BEEN EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO GRANT WAIVERS FOR PORT IMPROVEMENT TAX, AND FELT THAT EMBASSY'S REQUEST WOULD PROBABLY RECEIVE AN UNFAVORABLE OPINION.

5. FURTHER CONTACTS, WITH SUNAMAM RIO REVEALED THAT SUNAMAM WOULD ONLY BE RECEIVING THE EMBASSY WAIVER REQUEST FOR THEIR PORTION (MERCHANT MARINE RENEWAL TAX) AFTER DNPVN HAD COMPLETED ITS PROCESSING OF THE REQUEST. SUNAMAM OFFICIALS ADDED THAT REIMBURSEMENT FOR TEXMACH "WILL NOT BE A PROBLEM". THUS, EMBASSY WILL REQUEST THAT A SEPARATE COPY OF THE REQUEST FOR OPINION BE SENT DIRECTLY TO SUNAMAM RIO, WITHOUT WAITING FOR DNPVN. EMBASSY WILL MONITOR THIS SECOND REQUEST, AND SUBSEQUENTLY ATTEMPT TO GET A MINISTERIAL DECISION ON SUNAMAM REIMBURSEMENT SEPARATELY. IF EMBASSY IS SUCCESSFUL, THE TEXMACH EXHIBITORS WILL AT LEAST GET ROUGHLY HALF THEIR MONEY RETURNED.
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